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FOR AF/E MR. COOTE

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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO: VOA BROADCASTS

REF: STATE 194703

1. IN MID-JULY WHEN EMBASSY WAS MAKING PROPOSALS FOR ORGANIZING OURSELVES TO DEAL WITH CISCO TWO PROBLEM, WE HAD DRAFTED PARA SUGGESTING SPECIAL CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS ON VOA. WE REMEMBERED TENNECO CASE, WHERE DESPITE COMPLETE GOODWILL VOA NEWSROOM OCCASIONALLY USED LANGUAGE INAPPROPRIATE TO LOCAL SITUATION. IN DRAFTING ADDIS 9873 WE WERE CHAGRINED TO FIND WE HAD NEVER TRANSMITTED THE SUGGESTION.

2. REFTTEL PARA ONE TELLS US THAT VOA STATEMENT ON "CLOSING DOWN" WE DERIVED FROM "OLD FILES" BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT SAY THAT ANY SPECIAL CLEARANCE PROCEDURE HAS BEEN INSTITUTED. STRONGLY URGE DEPT TASK FORCE INSIST ON PRIOR ORAL CLEARANCE ANY VOA NEWS ITEM ON ERITREA OR ON CISCO TWO OR ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EPMG, ETC., UNTIL CISCO TWO INCIDENT IS OVER. FULLY UNDERSTAND VOA RELUCTANCE TO SUBMIT TO CENSORSHIP, BUT WE ARE TALKING HERE ABOUT CHECKING FACTS AND CHECKING TERMINOLOGY, NOT ABOUT KILLING ANY NEWS ITEM FOR POLICY REASONS.

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